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MEMORANDUM FOR: Bob Gates
VIA: Dick Kerr *pk*
FROM: Dave Gries *DG*
SUBJECT: "Evaluation of Major Current Intelligence Products of
the Directorate of Intelligence," /Comments on the
Philippines

1. The captioned study--very useful in its broad points--is a little harsh on the Philippines. The factual analysis offered on pages 40-45 (Political Developments in the Philippines) and on pages 54-56 (LDC finances--the Philippines) is undoubtedly correct, but there is more to DDI performance than NID and PDB articles.

2. I would cite two additional criteria in dissent. First, the dozens of briefings that the OEA Islands Branch gave to State, NSC and ISA policymakers and to the Congress conveyed a vast amount of intelligence directly to people who needed it. Secondly, this process had the consequence not only of establishing these analysts as the people to listen to in Washington, but also met to a remarkable degree the recommendations made on page VI of the captioned study.

3. To be even more specific, [redacted] have been deeply involved in direct support of the policy community in precisely the fashion the study calls for. The policymakers decided--and I know this as a participant--that these were the people to turn to on the Philippines. Accordingly, the negative comments made on pages 40-45 in particular do a disservice to an effort that the DI should be very proud of.

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